

MAINE ARTS COMMISSION

Maine Artist Fellowship

Application opens: March 13, 2015

Deadline: May 6, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Maximum award: \$5,000

Maine Artist Fellowships are awarded annually to recognize artistic excellence and advance the careers of Maine artists. Fellowships are merit-based awards that are primarily informed by an applicant's work.

No funding match is required.

This funding cycle is for fellowships between July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

Artist fellowships are available in each of the following artistic disciplines:

- **Belvedere Handcraft Fellowship***
- **Craft**
- **Literary Arts**
- **Multimedia/Film**
- **Performing Arts**
- **Traditional Arts**
- **Visual Arts**

**Belvedere Handcraft Fellowship is only available to residents of Hancock or Washington County.*

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

You are eligible to apply if you meet all of the following criteria:

- Have resided full-time in Maine for at least one year immediately prior to the application deadline.
- Will reside full-time in Maine throughout the fellowship period.
- Are 18 years of age or older by the application deadline.
- Are not a matriculated student enrolled in a degree or certificate-granting program.
- Are in compliance with final reports required for any previous Maine Arts Commission award you have received.
- Are currently a practicing Maine artist.
- Have not received a Maine Artist Fellowship within the past 10 years.

You may submit only one fellowship application during a funding cycle (July 1 to June 30).

Multi-artist applications must represent a team or group who consistently work together to produce a single body of work. Multi-artist applicants must also own the legal rights to the name being used for the team or group.

You may be awarded a maximum of three Maine Artist Fellowships in your lifetime.

APPLICATION PACKAGE

A complete application package for a Maine Artist Fellowship contains:

- Complete answers to all narrative prompts. (Items vary depending on the discipline.)
- Applicant resume, curriculum vitae, or bio
- Appropriate support materials (Number varies depending on the discipline.)
- Completed vendor form

REVIEW CRITERIA

Maine Artist Fellowship applications are reviewed on a competitive basis. Reviewers are selected from out of state and will evaluate the caliber of the support materials, the applicant's resume/bio/curriculum vitae, and the completed application narrative.

DEADLINE

Applications will be accepted until **5 p.m.** on the date of the application deadline.

ASSISTANCE

You are encouraged to contact agency staff if you have questions about the Maine Artist Fellowship.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Questions about the application or review process may be directed to Kathy Ann Shaw, Senior Director for Grants and Arts Accessibility, at 207-287-2750 or kathy.shaw@maine.gov.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Please direct specific questions about the Maine Artist Fellowship to agency staff based on the discipline of your application.

Craft and Visual Arts: Julie Horn, Visual Arts Director
207-287-2790 or julie.horn@maine.gov

Performing and Media Arts: Kerstin Gilg, Media and Performing Arts Director
207-287-6719 or kerstin.gilg@maine.gov

Traditional Arts: Kathleen Mundell, Traditional Arts and Creative Aging Director
207-287-6746 or kathleen.mundell@maine.gov

Literary Arts: Julie Richard, Executive Director
207-287-2710 or julie.richard@maine.gov



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